



Merry Christmas —

Merrowvista Campers and Leaders!

What fun it would be to be back at camp for a reunion right now - all dressed in our ski-suits! We'd go a-flying down the hill from Headquarters toward the cabin area. Of course we'd have to head just right into the path by the birches, or we'd have a merry bump, and we wouldn't want Agnes to have to go on duty at a party! We could build a big snow man on one of the rocks ... I'm sure Mrs. Blair would be full of good ideas about dressing him up in Rip Van Winkle, Robinhood or Scarecrow style.

When our fingers and toes began to tingle and our cheeks were as rosy as apples, we'd gather around a blazing fire at the Assembly, have something steaming hot and yummy to eat, and Buddy could lead us in our favorite Merrowvista songs. And - if we were there long enough, maybe Santa would come down the chimney and bring each of us a wonderful present - a message saying we could have four weeks of camp at Merrowvista again next summer!!

Well, at least we can imagine we're sitting around the fire as we have our little visit. First of all,

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE LEADERS!!

We'll ask BUDDY to begin: "The best part about Younger Girls' this year was that so many first-year girls came back to find some more of that certain something which seems to be only at Merrowvista. I've had grand letters from nearly all of the campers, and I see Dotty Tucker and her mother very often. I'm sure the campers will be glad to know that Merrowvista was not seriously harmed in the hurricane. It was certainly good news to us. And don't forget that we will have a Reunion at our house again on Wednesday, December 28, at 8:00 P.M., for everyone who can possibly make it. We have a spare bedroom. Tuckers have lots of room, and Pecky said she could take care of 'some'. It would be so grand to have a big crowd. We want to show the pictures, of course. Best wishes to you all."

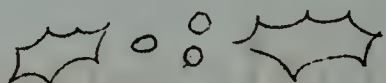
FROM BELOVED NEW HAMPSHIRE

comes this delightful message from MRS. BLAIR: "Dear Campers: To look back and to look forward with an equal amount of joy is a great pleasure, and an unusual one. Yet that is my frame of mind. Merrowvista last and Merrowvista this year! Younger Girls' Camp - almost half-way on that round-trip!"

AGNES GREETES US FROM PHILADELPHIA

"Hello everyone! Our Round Robin is on its second trip, and it is the best I ever read! There are nine of us in it - all of Cabin Four, from both 1937 and 1938. I am enjoying a mixture of all kinds of hospital work now, chiefly in the clinics, but I am soon to retire to the Nursery Department, where I love it most. You all should see the Rube Goldberg contraption I have rigged up for one baby with a broken leg. It is rare! Love to all."





NEXT WE HEAR FROM



"GRANDMA" WOODS, bless her heart! "One of my pet ambitions was to go to Merrowvista. It was realized last summer, and was the most delightful two weeks I've ever spent anywhere. I enjoyed every minute of it. I was taken to the hospital the last of September for a serious operation, from which I am slowly recovering. I would like the staff and the girls to know that the thoughts and memory of Merrowvista help me past many tedious hours."

Grandma, we surely hope you are feeling tip-top by now, and we all send very special Christmas wishes.

PECKY IS IN SCHOOL IN MICHIGAN

and writes: "Dear Horace: In a letter from Buddy the other day, she mentioned the date of the camp reunion in December. Seems awfully long off, but it really isn't. It sounds like a lot of fun! Anyway, hello - and the best of luck to everyone."



BOBBY IS PRETTY BUSY

but takes time to write: "Hello, everyone! Greetings from dear old New Hampshire. We are not quite blown off the map, although we are rather ruffled up a bit at present. However, we hope to have all of our feathers well preened again by next summer in time to welcome you Younger Girls. At least we can promise you many new vistas all through the White Mountains.

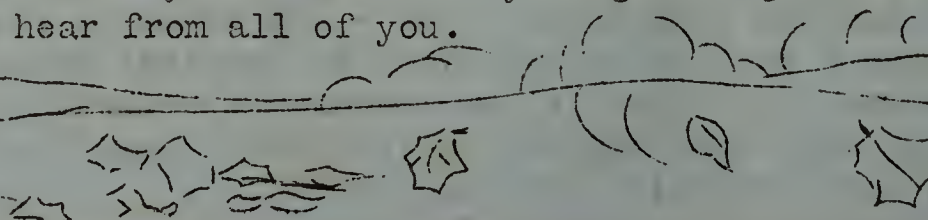
"The busy season is on! With forty-two 'angels' in school, seven in Sunday School and fifty in the 4-H Club, I can at least manage to keep out of mischief. And that's not counting the 'hundred and one' other clubs in which I have a few minor duties. But I love it all, and wouldn't want to miss one bit of it. I think often of our wonderful summer together at Camp Merrowvista. It was a grand challenge to us, for 'being our best selves' is certainly a year-round job, isn't it?"

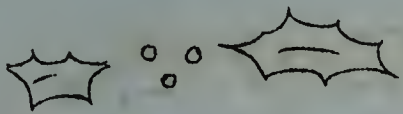
And how right you are, Bobby, about that year-round job!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

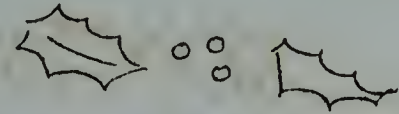
we hear from MILLIE: "Dear Campers: With Merrowvista memories, I find that from anticipation grows impatience - a pleasant kind of impatience - that is nicely satisfied when I hear of and from Founders, especially those of the grand Younger Girls' Camp. Hope you are all finding just oodles of pleasure in this invigorating weather. Isn't it nearly the nicest season of all?"

Well, we thank you leaders for your greetings. It's mighty nice to hear from all of you.





AND NOW FOR THE CAMPERS!



"Hello, Campers and Leaders! I find plenty of time between my schoolwork and outside work to think a great deal about camp. We certainly had a wonderful summer. I often find myself soaring up Cannon Mountain in my daydreams at school, (usually Economics period). I am kept very busy with school - three school clubs, (Debating, Tri-Hi-Y and Sports), Tuxis, Choir and the 'Gang's' activities. We plan to put on a Carnival, using a combination of the Older Girls' and Younger Girls' Carnivals. I hope it will be as successful as those at camp. I am looking forward to a reunion with some of the other campers soon. Love and best wishes to all."

-- "PAT"



"Dear Horace and Campers: School is in full swing, with its work and pleasures. I often think of you all and wish that I were back at camp, and especially when I have piles of homework to do. I think that camp helped me a great deal this summer. I hope that you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving, and will have a Merry Christmas. Best wishes to all."

-- JANE

"Dear everybody: How are you all? I am well, and so is the family. While we were at the Lake, Buddy and Gus came up and we saw the movies of camp, which were very good. Merry Christmas to all of you."

-- "MIDGE"

"Greetings to you all! School, football games, and preparations for Christmas are keeping me busy these days. I wish you could all see my photograph album! It is filled with pictures of everything and everyone from the past summer at Merrowvista. I look at them over and over again. For Christmas presents, I am making a few of the yarn pictures that 'Grandma' showed us how to make at camp. A Merry Christmas to each and every one of you!"

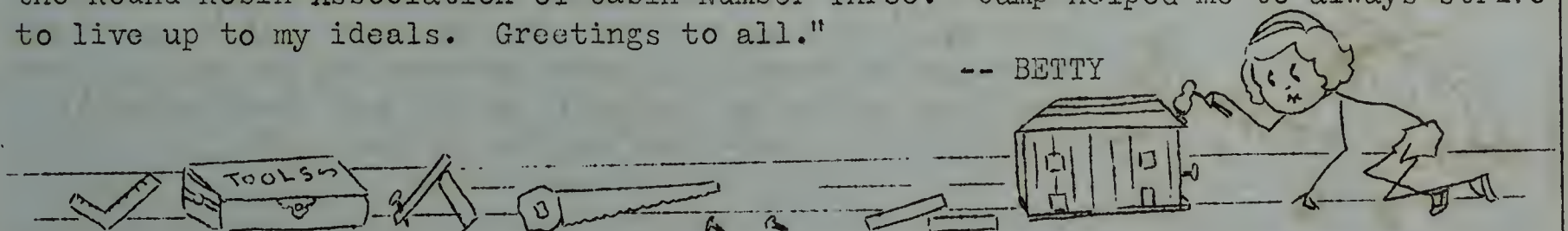
-- FRANCES

"Dear Horace: I am faithfully attending school and doing homework. The only club I belong to at school is the 'Newtonite', the school paper. I am on the news-staff. I am going to two sets of dances, one at the Fessenden School in West Newton and the other at the club in Waban. As winter sports haven't started yet, I am not sure what I am going to do, but I hope to get a new pair of skis."

-- ADRIENNE

"Hello everyone! I hope all of you are getting as much fun out of life as I am, though it keeps me very busy. At school I am building a doll-house for my sister, taking turns with the 'Professor' in leading the Orchestra, and am Captain of the Girls' Safety Patrol. The eighth grade girls have organized a 4-H Club. I'm in the Tuxis Society at Church, and play the piano for the Junior Department in Sunday School. We are all in the Piano Society, taught by Dorothy Stryker, a graduate of Merrowvista. But I get the biggest kick of all out of my membership in the Round Robin Association of Cabin Number Three. Camp helped me to always strive to live up to my ideals. Greetings to all."

-- BETTY





MORE FROM THE CAMPERS



"Dear Horace: Thank you so much for the 'CM'. I love it. I am going to get a new sweater on which to wear it. Looking forward to 'CM' next year."

-- "DOTTY"

"Dear Campers: How are you all? I surely miss being at camp, don't you? This year I'm in Junior High School. It's lots of fun, except that I have to get up at 7:00 A.M. to get to school. I'm also taking up dancing and soccer this year. I'm looking forward to camp next summer, and lots of fun with everybody."

-- SYLVIA

"Well, Founder Friends, at last the time is coming when you may wish, and Old Nick will appear to fulfil it. Fall has been very colorful and crisp, but it was short-lived. Winter has set in for good now, with knee-deep snow for a beginner. As a result, I'm learning to ski - no less! Before I'm snow-bound, I must conclude."

-- ELSIE



"Dear Campers: How are you all? I have had a grand time since I left camp. I have been made a patrol leader in our Girl Scout Troop, and I find many of the stunts we did at camp are very useful. Since our school has begun I have been very busy, and have not had much time for my swimming. I hope to find time soon. Hoping to see you all next year."

-- RUTH

"Dear Horace: I am so pleased with my camp insignia. Thank you! I made the first team in hockey this year, and we have had practice or a game almost every day. On Friday we played Holman School and beat them 6-0. We had an accident when one of our girls bumped into a Holman girl. She had her front teeth knocked back, and the other girl had a deep cut on her forehead."

"We had a Ghost Party at school Friday night. We had lots of fun. I spent the night with Jane Egan. We have started a new Christian Endeavor in Wenonah, and I am vice-president. We had a grand time at a Halloween Party. I am looking forward to camp next summer."

-- MARY JEAN

"Dear Campers and Leaders: I've been having a grand time with my school activities this fall. I'm on the hockey team, and we play two games a week. Our Robins are flying swiftly around. I am on two of them, so I keep up with nearly all the other campers. Each of us knows what the others are doing, just as though we all lived close together."

-- ANNE



"Dear Horace: I have been very busy in the last week and a half, as I am one of the ones chosen to be in our Senior play. We have rehearsals three or four days a week. I am going to play the part of a romantic old maid. I was very glad to receive my green Merrowvista emblem, and have put it on one of my jackets. We had our first snowfall the other day, and I was so glad to see it."

-- MIRIAM

AND STILL MORE!

"Dear Horace and girls: As you may know, I am attending school in Wolfeboro, at Brewster Academy. I'm crazy about school and everything else up here in New Hampshire. Field hockey is keeping me very busy right now, and between our strictly enforced study hours and hockey practice, I read letters from home begging me to at least 'drop a line'. I'm certainly kept busy, but I love all that keeps me so busy, and altogether I consider myself a happy-go-lucky girl. I can see the mountain at camp from school, and I'm keeping a careful watch on it. It seems queer to be so near, and yet so far. - P.S. I'm 'Bary' here!"

-- "MICKIE"



"Dear Everyone: Well, how are you all? I hope you are all fine, and feel swell after a grand summer at Merrowvista. This year I entered Junior High School, and like it very much. I go to all the football games at school. I can't say very much for our team this year, because we have only won one game this season. I do hope they have better luck soon, and I hope you all have a grand winter, too."

-- IRENE

"Ship Ahoy! Fellow Camp-mates, heave-ho! Port your helm, and set sail to the home port of Midshipman Weston! Item 1: I have just joined a troop of Girl Sea Scouts. (Therefore the use of the above terms.) What fun we expect to have! Our goal is to take a week's cruise on one of the schooners which the Scouts usually charter. Item 2: Newspaper work is certainly fun. Adrienne and I are getting much excellent experience working as reporters on the 'Newtonite', our school paper. And Item 3: Heavens! My postcard is used up! Guess I'll have to leave. See you all next summer. Anchor's aweigh!"

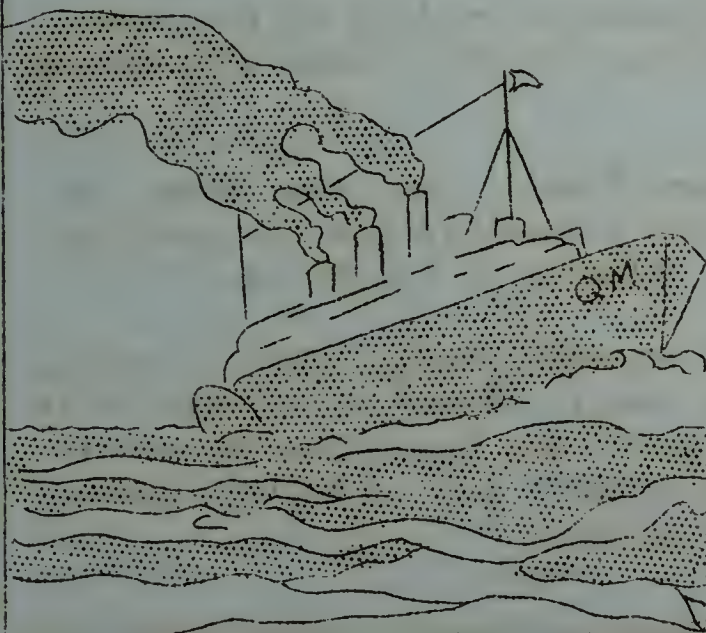
-- THALIA

AND SPEAKING OF ADVENTURES -

Now I should like to tell you about the adventure I had since last I saw you - a wonderful trip to Europe! On September seventh Evelyn Leatherbury (Secretary to Mr. Wm. H. Danforth, "Minisino"), Alice May (Founder Camp Graduate) and I sailed from New York on the Queen Mary. As Wadjepe would say, "Wotta scow, wotta boat, wotta palace on the waves!" Several camper friends came to the boat to bid us a "Bon Voyage", and we certainly had a jolly send-off. We appreciated the many lovely gifts and messages we found waiting for us in our state-room.

"ALL ASHORE THAT'S GOING ASHORE!"

and we were off! Out into the Hudson the little tugs pulled the beautiful liner, chugging importantly at her sides. Farther and farther away from the waving crowd on the pier (and what a view of the New York skyline!), past the Battery and the big Lady Liberty who stands at the portal, and out into the deep.



THERE WAS MUCH FUN ON BOARD

"Deck-chairing", box-hockey, deck tennis and swimming in the Queen Mary's delightful pool with Jo Royer Thomas of Charleston, West Virginia, another camper member of the party. One of the biggest thrills was to stand on the stern deck, looking down at the beautiful crystal blue of the water as it swirled and bubbled and danced in the wake of the ship.

Because it was the 100th crossing of the Queen Mary, there was a celebration one evening, with a special program. It was most interesting, and after the Captain spoke, someone suggested a cheer for him. In good British fashion, the celebration ended with " 'ip, 'ip, 'ooray for the Cap'n!!"

ABOUT THE TIME

we were beginning to understand the British language, we reached the other side. And what a thrill it is to have the very first glimpse of land in the Old World! On the tender which came to meet us in the harbor were typical French sailors - ruddy-faced, beret-headed (bad pun!) and swarthy. From Cherbourg to Paris via boat-train we traveled through picturesque Normandy.



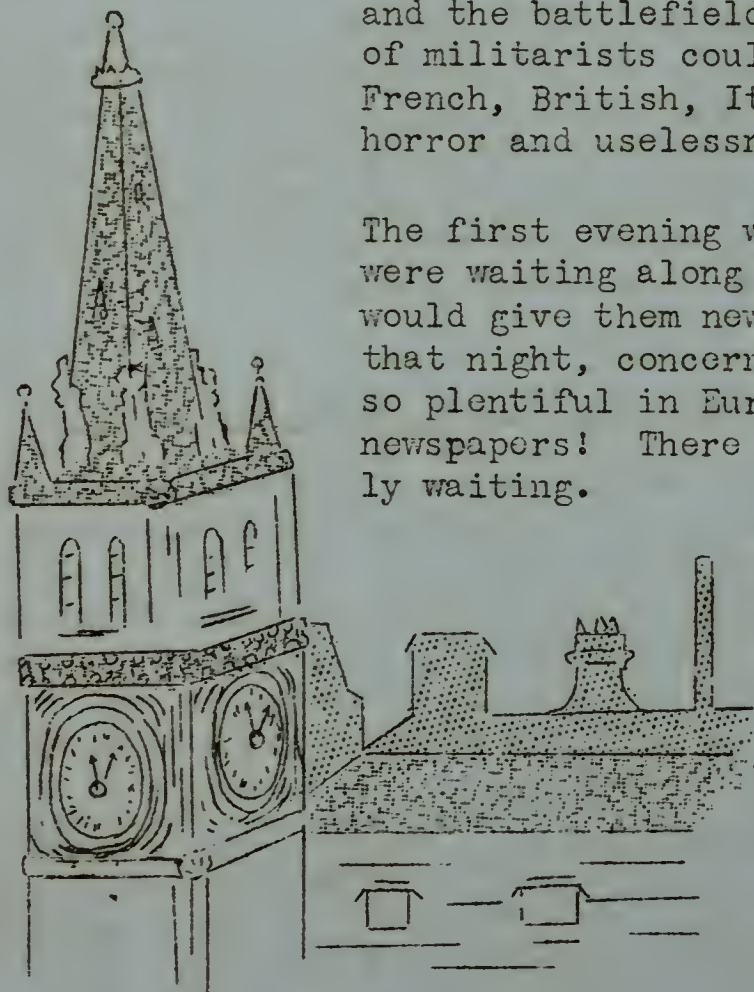
IN PARIS THERE WAS SO MUCH TO SEE!

Boulevards with sidewalk cafes canopied in red and gold, blue, green; the house in which Chopin lived and composed much of his immortal music; Notre Dame Cathedral with its interesting history and wonderful stained-glass windows; Versailles Palace and Gardens, and Napoleon's country home, Malmaison; the Louvre with its ageless treasures, one of the most wonderful of which, to me, was the beautiful Winged Victory. An unforgettable day was our trip to Rheims and the battlefields. It seemed to us that the most heartless of militarists could not look upon the crosses, row on row - French, British, Italian and German - without realizing the horror and uselessness of war.

The first evening we were in Paris hundreds of French people were waiting along the streets for newspaper extras which would give them news of a radio speech which Hitler was making that night, concerning the Sudeten situation. Radios are not so plentiful in Europe, and the people certainly do read their newspapers! There was much anxiety, but the crowds were quietly waiting.

When the papers finally came out, about ten o'clock, it was impossible for the newsboys to supply the demands of the crowds.

Everywhere there were people, old and young, devouring the news. Their relief was evident as soon as it was known that there was at least some hope of a peaceful settlement of the difficulties.



SWITZERLAND IS INDESCRIBABLY BEAUTIFUL

and interesting. After the hustle and bustle of a big city, we especially enjoyed the peacefulness of Swiss mountains, blue waters and clear skies. Our first day in Geneva was a national holiday, celebrating the formation of the Swiss Confederation. How we enjoyed seeing the people bicycling out to the country for the holiday. Not just the children and young folks ride in Europe-



everyone rides them. It is a common sight to see, tucked on the bicycle in back of either mother or daddy, a little tow-headed youngster, riding pappoose-fashion, only a little lower down. A boat-ride on Lake Geneva, the Grand Alpine Tour in an open car, and also a trip up one of the mountains near the Jungfrau were among the high spots (and how high!) of our delightful stay in Switzerland.

IT WAS HARD TO LEAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY

with its fascinating wood-carving, embroidery and jewelry shops, and where people are so charming and children so rosy-cheeked and happy. All along the way we had kept in touch with authorities, to know whether or not it was advisable to go into Germany, as we had planned. If we had been a week earlier, or a week later, we could have gone through with our plans to visit Munich, Nuremberg and Heidelberg. However, after one interesting day in Munich we were advised by the people in charge of our tour to return to Switzerland at once.

THE ONE NICE THING ABOUT HAVING TO BACK-TRACK

was that Helen Landon MacLeod, a Miniwanca graduate and Younger Girl Leader, came over from Tübingen, Germany, to join us in Zurich. She was with us for a day and a half, and how our tongues did wag! She was so eager for news of camp friends, and we were so much interested in hearing of her life in Germany, where she and her husband are studying. It's fun to be with Founder friends anywhere, and especially thrilling to meet and visit with them in far away countries across the waters.



AND SO, BACK TO PARIS

we went, ready to sail for home at a moment's notice if war broke out. The relief which came over Europe when an agreement was finally reached was like seeing people who have been in the throes of a horrible night-mare suddenly come out of it and begin to breathe normally again. Nowhere along the way had we talked with anyone who wanted war. The Germans dreaded it as much as the French and the British. We stood on the streets of Paris with the thousands of Frenchmen who awaited Daladier's return from the momentous meeting. What a time it was - almost like another Armistice Day! Business ceased and everyone was out to celebrate "Paix!!" After two hours of waiting, we suddenly heard sirens, and up the street came motorcycle police, going very fast. Right behind them, going just as fast, came the car in which Daladier was riding. A burst of cheering, flags and hats waved, and Mr. Daladier was out of sight in the crowds farther on. It was over almost before it began, but the French were satisfied to have caught even a glimpse of the man who had so faithfully represented them.

DIKES - WOODEN SHOES - WINDMILLS

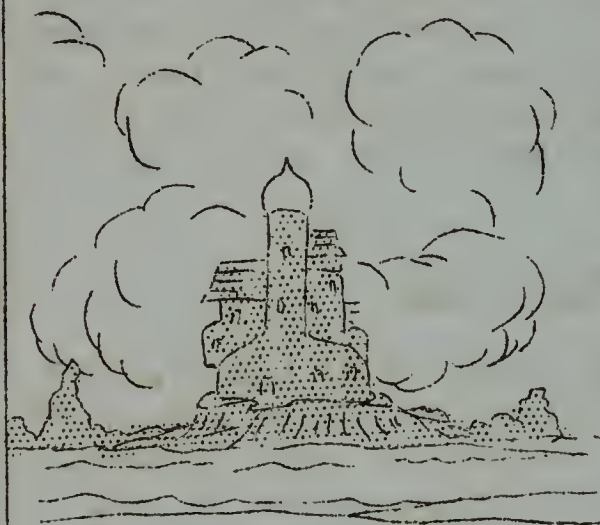
Yes, just as we had always read, Holland has these and many more sights of interest. We visited the quaint Isle of Marken, where people still live in old, old houses and wear peasant costumes. A visit to Amsterdam, the Hague with its Peace Palace, and we sailed off that night across



THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

which behaved only fairly well for us. We arrived at Harwich in the cold grey dawn and went through English customs, then breakfasted on the boat-train en route to London. An English breakfast (in which we could have, if we wished, everything from fish to pie) was almost too much for us, after continental breakfasts of hard rolls and strange coffee, strong as lye, and made with hot milk. (Ugh!)

WHAT SIGHTS TO SEE IN LONDON!!



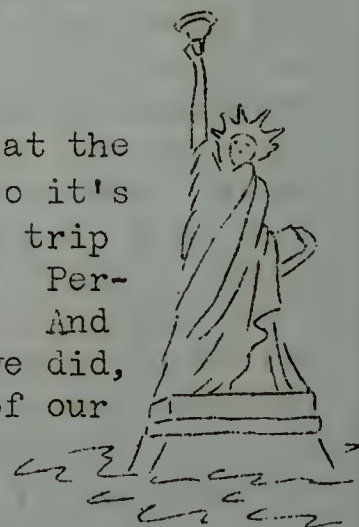
The changing of the Guard, the delightful statue of Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens, Westminster Abbey, the House of Parliament, Big Ben (what chimes!), Madame Tussaud's wonderful display of wax figures, London Tower, Liberty's Store with its matchless silk scarfs, Trafalgar Square and down Piccadilly Circus on top of a big bus. A very special day was the one upon which we visited Stratford-On-Avon and roamed the spots made immortal by Shakespeare seeing upon our return trip enchanting old Warwick Castle.

BACK ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

we sailed from Liverpool, making two stops in Ireland. For four days we pitched and tossed (and I mean pitched and tossed!!!) on the billows. One of those days was October 12th, which reminded us of Columbus, and we decided we didn't blame his men for mutinying. Out of the storm into a glorious day of sunshine, when everyone came out on deck again and took a new lease on life, (as well as renewed his interest in food) ... then into dense fog, so dense that we couldn't get into Boston Harbor until it cleared ... finally - the Massachusetts coast.

A DELIGHTFUL FEW MINUTES

with another camp friend, "Tucky", (now Mrs. Charles Eaton, Jr.), at the depot in Boston, and I was off on the last lap of the journey. "So it's home again, and home again", with gratefulness for such a glorious trip and such a wonderful glimpse of how people across the waters live. Perhaps I can tell you more at camp next summer about our adventures. And I hope many of you who read this can some day go a-journeying as we did, have as much fun, see as wonderful sights, and come to know some of our very fine neighbors across the sea.



CAMP PROSPECTS! CAMP PROSPECTS!

Several of you have already written me that you want to bring friends with you to camp next summer. That's mighty fine because, you know, new campers must be personally recommended by some Founder camper or camper-parent. We'd like you to send us a list of your prospects. We don't want a long list of people who are not at all interested. Make it a good list - long or short - of good prospects!

Our new folder is being printed, and after Christmas we'll be writing all of those interested in camp next year. Since Merrowvista is not advertised commercially, we depend upon our campers and leaders to interest their friends in the camp. We'll look forward to hearing from you about your prospects.

Please send us: 1. Name 2. Age 3. Address 4. Parent's Initials

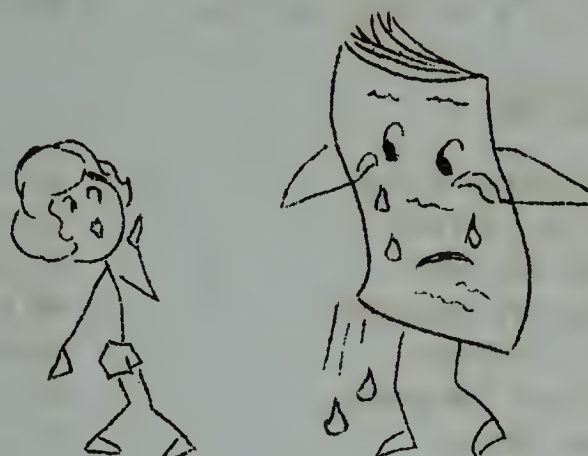
HELP! HELP! - A NAME! A NAME!

We want to christen our MERROWVISTA
YOUNGER GIRL NEWSLETTER.

These names have been suggested:

1. "Jack Pine Warbler"
2. "Merrowvista Mirror"

Do you budding young journalists
have others to add? If not -
what's your vote?



I want a name!!

HOW ABOUT THOSE

Character Goals which you set for yourself while you were at camp? Are you making some progress in fine fourfold living? How about your posture, too ... and how do you think you'd rate if the camp inspector were to visit your room suddenly some day? ... Probably your mother and dad could give us a pretty good idea of the kind of camper you are during the year. We'll bet on you, and trust you to live the camp motto to the very best of your ability, all of the time.

A REMINDER

to send pictures to those who ordered from you and paid for them. Buddy and several of us have not received all of ours.

HERE'S A SPECIAL GREETING

to the New York-New Jersey bunch who will be with Buddy and Gus on the 28th, and here's another one to the Boston crowd, too, just in case they follow the good example of the other group and decide to have a holiday reunion. We hope you will enjoy the Founder Christmas blotter which we are sending you, and that it will be a reminder of good times and fourfold living at Merrowvista and through the year ahead.

Yvonne

1938 MERROWVISTA YOUNGER GIRLS' CAMP ROSTER

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MERROWVISTA CAMP DATES

Merrowvista Older Boys	June 25 - July 9
Merrowvista Older Girls;	July 9 - July 23
MERROWVISTA YOUNGER GIRLS	JULY 24 - AUG. 20

MINIWANCA CAMP DATES

Miniwanca Older Girls	July 31 - Aug. 13
Miniwanca Older Boys	Aug. 14 - Aug. 27
Miniwanca Younger Girls	June 20 - July 30
Miniwanca Younger Boys	June 19 - July 30